Dear Jim, CONFIDENTIAL 9/12/76

Lonnie, Mary and Lon Jr spent a pleasant afternoon here. We expected them to stay for supper but they couldn't. Mary also became a little concerned about a slurring in Lonnie's speech she detected and I did not. We worked a bottle of good Irish whiskey over fairly well. And fairly well over it. But he wasn't drunk.

We like them and enjoyed the visit. I'm sorry it didn't last longer because Lonnie was remember things he had not told me before. Some that I can confirm are not general knowledge.

He insists that Les Whitten not only was CIA but that he had bragged about some of his jobs, not just his work at RFE, of which he told me. He believes the only interest the current columns serve are those of people like CIA.

He says Huie was CIA- domestic. He and Huie worked together on a Denver paper in I think he said the 50s. Huie's forte was financial and this is where he was used. Huie was shot by a woman he was playing around with. In the head. His descriptions of Huie's personality fits the Huie I think I know.

He says the Anderson story on McCone talking to Bobby 11/22/63 at Hickory Hill is in error as it appeared in the column. He said it was in the Washington station (he didn't use that word) and had what we'd figured out, the right address. Not only that, but he said sixth floor. And that the "Red "Room" is there, not at Langley. This is where Bobby, he says, exploded. It took three hours to quiet him. It comes from the word of LHO in MxCity just reaching Langley or McCone's desk that a.m., when he was supposedly stunned. This supposedly was the fruit of the bugging of the Cubans. I think you can see the trouble I have with this. But Lonnie said, without introduction and for all the world as though it were publicly known, that crazy Phillips didn't know what to do so he saw the guy for Southwest Texas who told him to just put it in regular channels. Interesting this is that this would explain the delay. He appears to know Phillips. Says Phillips told him "My kinds think I'm James Bond."

He may be in court Thursday. He has to be in D.C. then.

The date he first spoke to Lane Bertram, SS, Houston, was 12/11/63, I think he said, but the month and day may be that of his Church testimony. Bertram filed a report that was accurate in what he included but the FBI's stuff was unrecognizable. It is over the truth- and beginning then- that they gave him a rough time.

He says his info on LHO and Jaggers, Chiles came from a foreman, not Bowen, who wondered how he could walk in an get a job when it took five months for his own security to be checked and cleared. Lonnie says he had the right page of the LHO pocket notebook and it had the Hosty private car and unlisted home phone numbers. Hosty, Joe and not Jim to him, was a friend of his and Alan Sweatt's. He recognized Hosty's phone. He says they thought Marina was a "swallow," jargon for a woman sleeper agent. He is sure LHO was ours, as Nosenko says.

He also says McCord was in Dallas a.m. 11/22/63 but would not say he had seen him.

There are minor details to which he returns and after all the time says exactly the same thing.

The Howard Hughes secret and the reason the autopsy has not been released: Pareises.

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